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Dear Prescriber:

As part of the State budget, the Legislature directed the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) to save money on pharmacy services for members enrolled in Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus. To meet this directive, there will be a change in pharmacy services for members enrolled in Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs (now known as BadgerCare Plus HMOs), SSI HMOs, and most special managed care programs, except for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)/Partnership. We are committed to working with providers, advocacy groups, and members affected by this change.

Currently, HMOs are responsible for managing pharmacy services for their members. Effective for dates of service (DOS) on and after February 1, 2008, pharmacy services for managed care members will be provided directly by Medicaid.

As a result of this directive, providers will have one set of policies and procedures to follow when prescribing drugs for members enrolled in Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus. In addition, DHFS will be able to collect federal Medicaid rebates and State supplemental rebates from drug manufacturers.

The DHFS will provide a continuity of care transition period from February 1, 2008, through April 1, 2008, in an effort to ensure no interruption in service for members. During this transition period, prescribers may receive requests to change members to a Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus preferred drug or to complete a PA request form to gain approval for a non-preferred drug.

A future *BadgerCare Plus Update* will contain more detailed information about drug coverage and PA requirements for fee-for-service members. Providers may call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Helgerson".

Jason A. Helgerson
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